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Teach-Out Turmoil: Class of 2017 Last to Graduate From SJC

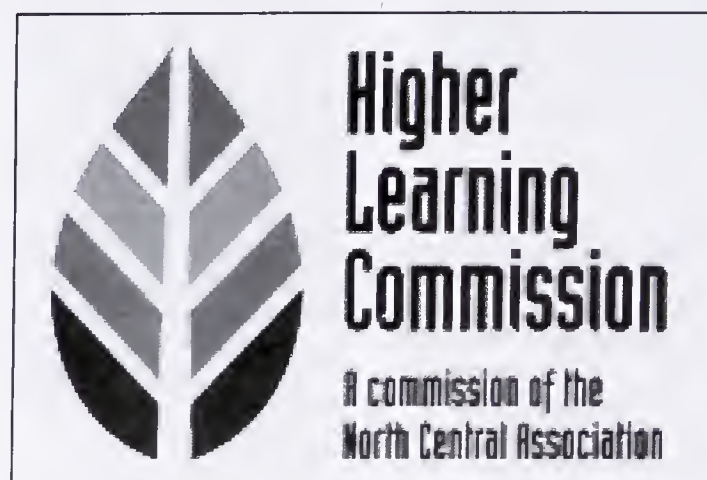
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News Editor

After hearing the sad news of the college, we all were wondering what comes next. All of us knew we had to transfer, we just didn't know who would take us. Saint Joseph's College informed us that some schools would be participating in a Teach-Out program, which meant that those who transfer to a qualifying Teach-Out School would continue get a degree from Saint Joseph's College in spite of the closure.

Roughly one month ago we as a student body received notice that would change. Dr. Chad Pulver, Vice President of Academic Affairs, sent out an all-student email explaining the new changes. After meeting with the Higher Learning Commission, Pulver was informed that "Teach-Out Receiving Institutions (not SJC): "accept all credits earned by students... count those credits towards a... degree from their institution." Teach-Out (SJC): Extension of Accreditation is no longer supported by the HLC. This means that the protocol that supported SJC conferring degrees

until 12 months after a student left the institution (SJC) is not continuing. The institution you choose as your Teach-Out will be the institution that confers your degree." Pulver encourages students to continue to visit the Admissions office for support.

This is sad news for juniors hoping to earn a degree from Saint Joseph's College via another institution, and all but ensures the Class of 2017 will be the last class to graduate from Saint Joseph's College. An updated list of Teach-Out Schools can be found at <http://www.saintjoe.edu/teach-out-schools>. Schools are pending final approval from the HLC as new partners are added. Current schools include:
Alverno College (WI)
Anderson University (IN)
Aquinas College
Belmont Abbey College
Benedictine University (IL)
Briar Cliff University
Calumet College of Saint Joseph
Calvin College (MI)
Carthage College
Concordia University Chicago
DePauw University
Dominican University
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Goshen College
Holy Cross College



Higher Learning Committee (HLC) logo. The HCL is in charge of approving and monitoring the Teach-Out program. Photo courtesy of Goggle Images.

IU Kokomo
IUPUI
Lewis University
Manchester University
Marian University
Monmouth College
Northwood University
Purdue University
Purdue Northwest
Quincy University
Ripon College
Rockhurst University
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College
Saint Mary's College (IN)
Saint Norbert College
Saint Xavier University (IL)
Siena Heights University
Silver Lake College

Transylvania University
Trinity Christian College
Trinity International University
University of Dubuque
University of Indianapolis
University of Saint Francis (Fort Wayne, IN)
University of St. Francis (Joliet, IL)
Valparaiso University
Wabash College
Wheeling Jesuit University
William Penn University

SJC's Last Kairos Retreat

By Angelica Arizmendi
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As the semester winds down, there are many 'lasts'. The last St. Joseph's College Little 5, the last Spring musical, the last graduation and with that comes the last Kairos.

Kairos retreats through campus ministry have played an important role in the Saint Joseph's College experience for many years.

The first Kairos was held in 1986 and has since remained a tradition. Kairos is a spiritual retreat for students of all faiths where through large, small and personal activities and prayer, they have the opportunity to grow in their spirituality. The retreat begins on a Thursday evening and runs through late Sunday morning. Since 2003, the retreat has been held three times a year to accommodate both the number of students and their schedules; it is held mid-October, late January and late March.

Kairos 76 has been in the planning process since November 2016, a team of ten students have been planning to ensure that this retreat is memorable for all of the retreatants. "This Kairos



Students and team members of K75 come together for their last day group picture. January 20-23, 2017

Photo Courtesy: Bro. Tim Hemm

will be special because it will be the last one at St. Joe. I'm very excited to get to be a leader on the March Kairos" says Pete Munro a sophomore and K73 participant.

Those who have had the chance to experience this amazing and life changing retreat have many great things to say. Johna Bottorff a senior and K72/K76 participant comments, "Kairos was really great! I had the chance to become friends with people I never imagined I'd grow close with."

Everyone walks away learning something different as a result to going on Kairos. For many

it is a chance to mend broken friendships, learn something new about themselves, and grow in their faith. Vickie a sophomore and K71 participant says, "It's a perfect time to reflect on your life and take time off school."

Amy Southworth a senior and K69, K76 participant comments, "When I went on Kairos, most of the retreatants were class of 2017. It was great getting the chance to meet and become friends with those who are in my graduating class. This Kairos will be special because of the variety of people going."

"Kairos is always special

because of its uniqueness. No Kairos is ever the same. This one might be more emotional for those who have taken part on many of these retreats before. Kairos has a special place in my heart because of the transformations you see in yourself and in other people. It's great to see how much people take away over the course of four days" says Shalom Paulino a senior and a K69, K71, K74 participant.

The Kairos 76 team requests prayers as they begin their K76 experience on March 23, 2016.

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Alumni Come Together to Help Save SJC

By Lauren Grasham
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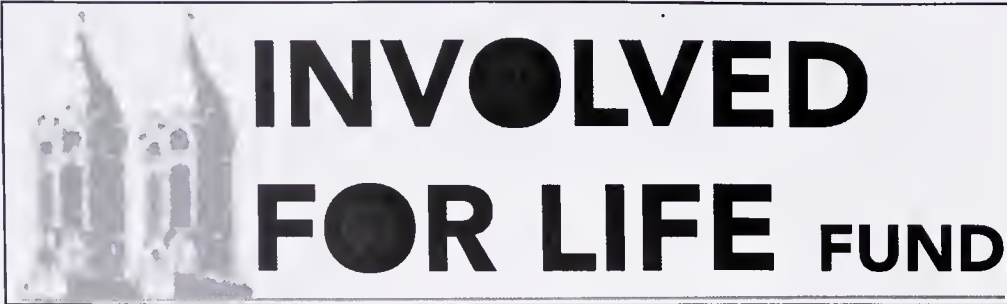
Desperate time call for desperate measures. Saint Joseph's College alumni are doing all that they can to help save their alma mater from closing. Right now, they are working on an alumni fund, and the goal is to raise twenty million dollars by April 1.

The Alumni Board began working on this idea back in January, when Robert Pastoor, the president of Saint Joseph's College, announced the college's financial issue. The next month, they sent out a letter stating their plans and goals of the fund. At the time, the board had about two months to raise the money. They have very positive and optimistic feelings about the fund, but at

the same time, they also went into this with a realistic mindset. There is a plan to return donations if the goal is not achieved; however, no one is backing down too quickly just yet.

As the money is raised, it won't automatically go to the school. Before the money will be released, the Alumni Board demands that the Board of Trustees and the administration be replaced. This is because many have lost their confidence in this group of people since they feel that the administration poorly handled the current situation as well as the aftermath. The Alumni Board wants to know that their money will be used wisely before they just give it away.

The Involved for Life Facebook page is posting weekly updates about any news regarding



Logo for the Involved for Life fund. Photo courtesy of Involved for Life Facebook page.

the fund. Each week, more and more donations have been coming in. They are also finding and posting more ways for people to get involved, especially those that don't want to donate, but do want to help. They're encouraging people to get the word out in all possible ways. This includes doing simple tasks such as messaging friends and talking to people. Even if they are unable to give, they can still let others know of the situation in hopes that they

could give or get the word out as well.

Another thing the Involved for Life page is doing is creating meetups for alumni. They are posting events for different parts of the state and surrounding areas so it is easier on everyone. Some of these have included Indianapolis, Chicago, and northwest Indiana. People in these areas are also meeting up to put together envelopes to send out to Pumas in hopes for more

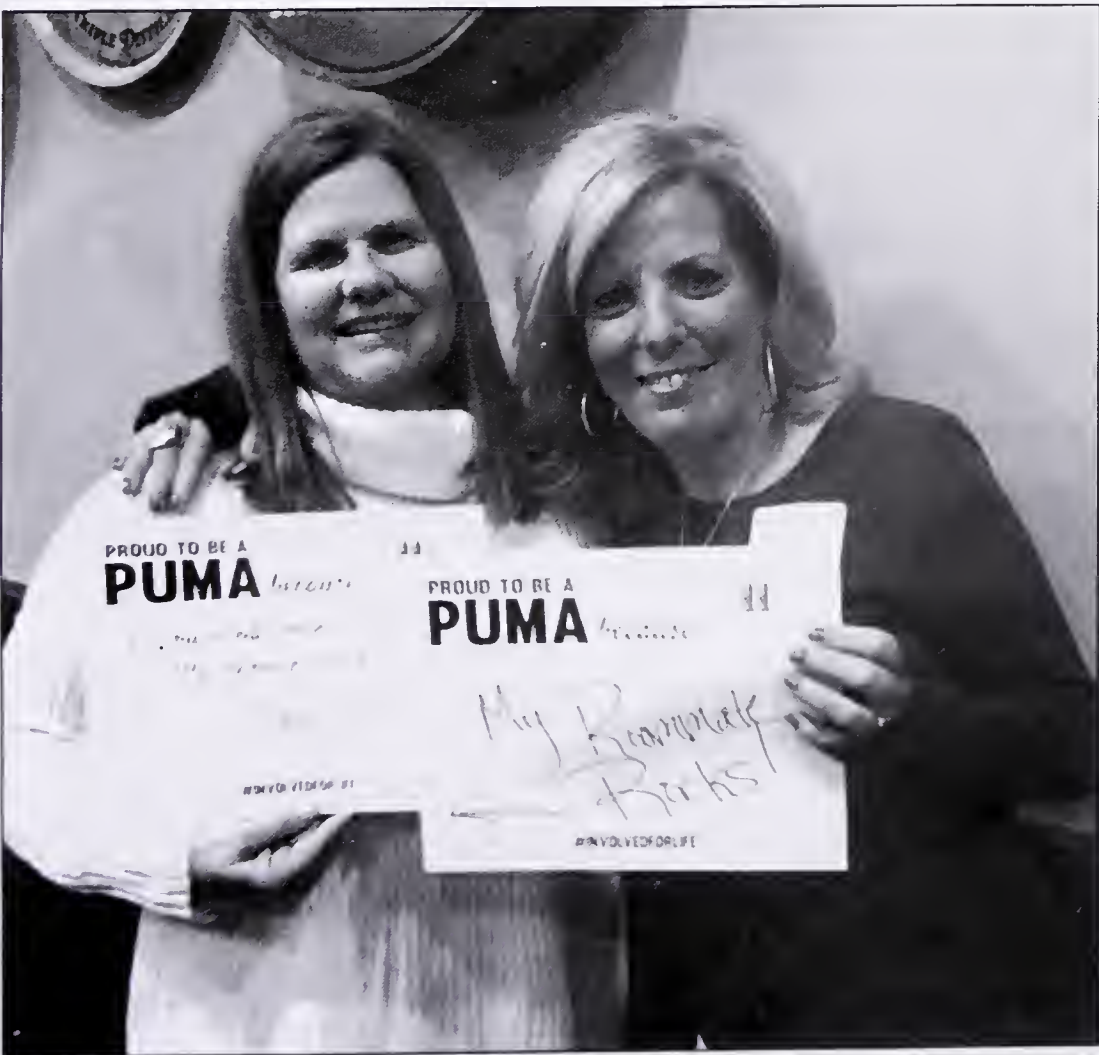
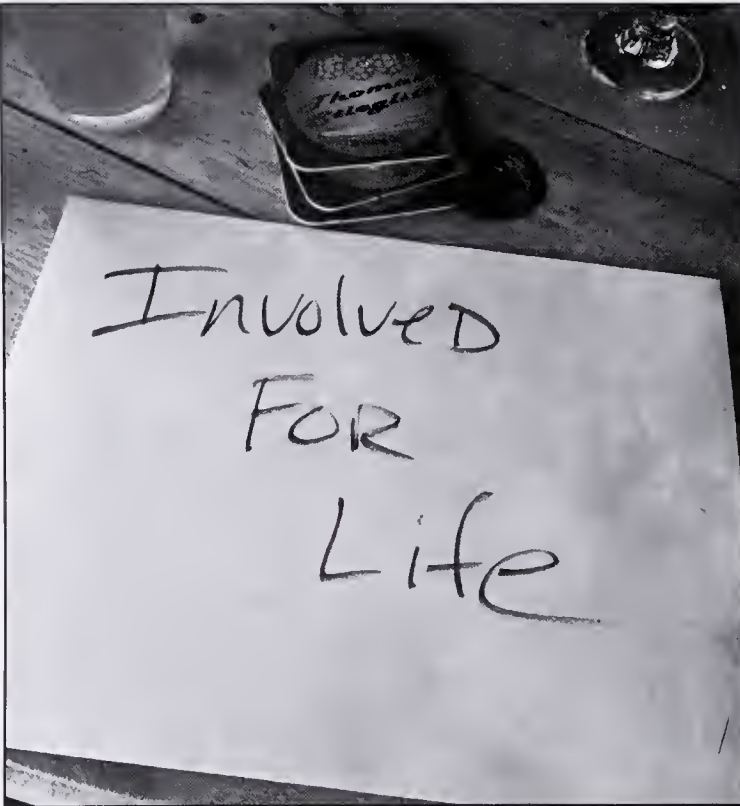
donations. The Involved for Life fund has currently raised \$840,010 from a total of 303 donors. While all donors are remaining anonymous, they are most definitely all appreciated. If you would like to donate, send in your check to "Involved for Life" at DeMotte State Bank, PO Box 311, Rensselaer, IN, 47978.



Above: Nearly 40 people attended the alumni meet-up put on by Involved for Life in Goshen and Michiana. Alumni are working hard to host events and reach out to Pumas all over the country for donations. Photo courtesy of Jason Crittendon.



Below: As of March 20th, Pumas across the United States have raised \$840,010 from 303 different donors by mail and meet-ups. Photo courtesy of Jason Crittendon.

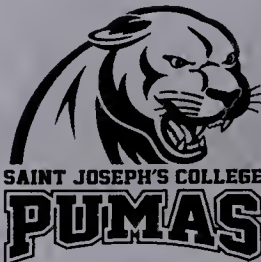


Alumni talk and reunite at the Involved for Life Indianapolis Meet Up, March 16, 2017
Photo Courtesy: Lori Quinn Winkler.

Upcoming Puma Events!

- April 6, 7, 8 - Columbian Players to present "Guys and Dolls"
- April 15 - Stafford/Perkins exit interviews
- May 5 - Balances from the March 31 statement must be paid in full by 3:00 pm CDT
- May 6 - All students living in residential housing need to complete the check-out/move out process by 6:00 pm CDT
- April 22 - Little 500
- May 6 - Commencement Ceremony

Want to get the word out about your event?
Email the date and name of your event to
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Steven Sewell at
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A School of Hypocrites

Human Indifference

by Stephen Nickel
Opinions Writer

I'm sure that by now everyone is already aware that before spring break five students were arrested for stealing speakers out of the physical plant. It was a spectacle of epic proportions where SJC security intentionally paraded the five students in handcuffs out of the dorm to make sure that everyone could see. Before everyone found out what happened, we assumed that it must have been a major drug bust, since stuff like that has happened in the past. However, when we all found out the real reason, we were shocked that the police had been involved for something so trivial.

I say this not because I don't think stealing is wrong, but because our school has a history of dealing with these sorts of things internally. The four speakers supposedly valued at \$400 a piece, were small potatoes to things that had happened in the past. I remember my freshman year, some students dug up home plate from the baseball field, which resulted in several thousand dollars worth of damage. No police were called and the students, once they were identified, only had to complete some community service. This is the Saint Joe that we know, where if you make a stupid mistake you will be dealt with compassionately and still

receive punishment without it permanently affecting your life. This time, however, security and the Dean of Students, Will Oprisko, threw the book at their own students and even the officers at the county jail thought it was ridiculous.

What I find to be especially ironic about this whole thing is the administration claims to be so Christian and wanting to follow the example of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, yet they had their own students thrown in jail where two of them could not afford bail and spent over a week locked up in a cell. This is the same school who has an entire section of Core 9 where we talk about how punitive justice is not always the best method. I remember the lecture when we had Sister Donna of the Precious Blood talk to us about the benefits of restorative justice and the use of reconciliation circles for minor crimes. Instead of having a sit down with these students to deal with the situation constructively, we had them arrested. By doing this, the school proved that they are not willing to practice what they preach and I, as a student of Saint Joseph's College and a product of the Core Program, am thoroughly embarrassed to be associated with these hypocrites.

by Brianna Velasco
Opinions Writer

"You do you." It's a phrase that many people use in today's society, and perhaps it is used a bit too often. It is good in theory; we don't want to interfere with other people's lives, but rather allow them to do what they'd like. However, do we let this mentality go a little too far? Maybe we shouldn't be so ready to tell someone to do as they please. Though it may be viewed as a good thing in some cases, in many others it could reveal our cold indifference — we are so busy avoiding conflict that we lose sight of what should or should not be done, what is or is not right. Perhaps if we cared a little more about what the people in our communities do instead of ignoring them and allowing them to do anything they please, we could grow as a society and as humankind.

Now, of course this does not mean that we should nitpick every little thing another person does and criticize every action we personally do not agree with. That would certainly not be constructive. But it would be beneficial to humanity if we take a stand against someone's actions when we truly believe them to be wrong and potentially harmful in some way, rather than adopting the "you do you" mentality. At the very least, we can learn something about the other person and understand why they do what they do. And at the most, we could change their wrong behavior into something positive. Because how can we expect to enhance our skills and our ideas and our societies and our countries and the world as a whole if we continue our indifference toward each other? If we allow injustice to occur? If we just don't care enough to take a stand for the moral right? Progress is something we have to work towards together; each person working alone does not help anything of value come to fruition. So if we all continue to do our own thing, our chances of success are very slim.



Above: Photo courtesy of Google Images.

Best Time to Do Homework

by Cameron Adams
Opinions Writer

When you're in school, being assigned homework is like growing up, it's unavoidable. Teachers will always give you work that they expect to be done outside of their classroom. When you do that homework, it is up to you. You could do it right after you get it, you can get up early in morning to do it, or you can wait right before that class and do it.

In my opinion, the best time to do homework is in the middle of the night. I find that the middle of the night is the best time for me for a couple of reasons. I've always been more of a night owl than a early bird. So I'm naturally more alert at night. I am more focused and I think clearer when I do homework at night. It's a lot more peaceful. During the day there's so much going on and there's so many distractions. There's people going around doing things throughout the day and at times it is really hard to stop and focus about one thing. At night, there are not as many noises and distractions. You go out at a time where there

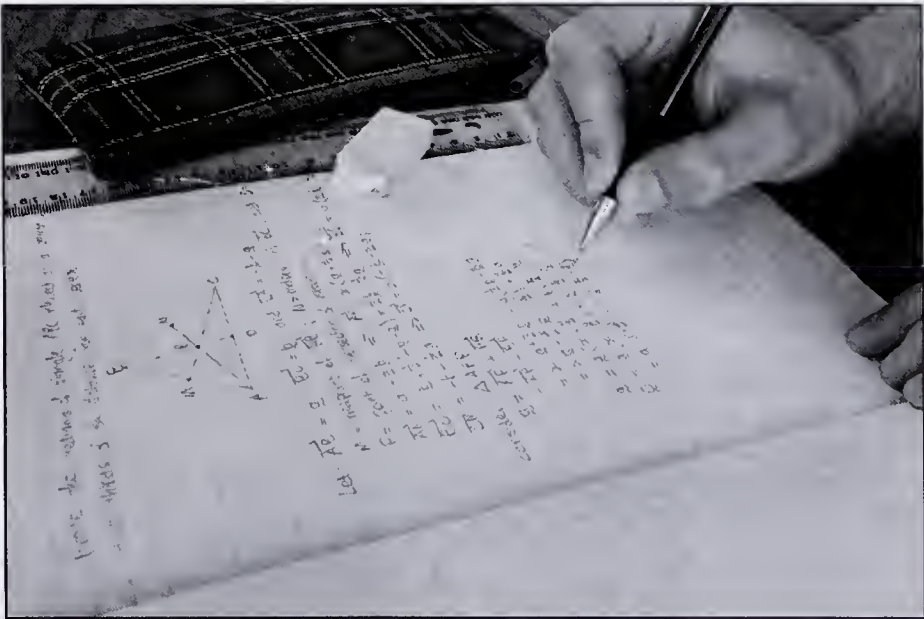
is no one else around and you get a type of clarity and focus that you didn't even know that you possess. The only thing you have to do is the homework that you have been assigned

I think that part of the reason that I would prefer to do my homework at night rather than get up in the morning and do it, is that I don't like to get up in the morning. I find it harder to wake

up in the morning and get work done than it is to stay up until the work is finished. If you think about it, it's more practical. All you're doing is procrastinating even more on the assignment. If you are doing an assignment and you look at the clock to see that it's midnight, you should keep going on it rather than put it away until the morning. You're doing your work and you have a

good train of thought going, why would you interrupt that train by leaving it? You take the risk of not remembering what it was that you were thinking the first time you were doing the assignment.

That is why in my opinion, the best time to do homework is at night.



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The Bachelor: And Then There Were 2

By Danata Paulino
Features Writer

It is easy enough for people across the country to get swept up into the world of reality TV, not too many questioning how realistic it actually is. There have been many suspicions though since the final episode of *The Bachelor* aired on Monday, March 13th. The host of the show, Chris Harrison, repeatedly told the audience about how this season has been the most controversial one yet. From an experienced Bachelor fan, this comment seemed to add up.

Season In Review: It was a surprise to the audience when right off the bat a women had already slept with Nick Viall, the bachelor, at a wedding before the show. Things began to heat up very quickly with the rest of the women of the house when the very ambitious Corinne Olympios got very intimate with Nick on the first group date. From that moment on, Corinne was the star of the show, no doubt overdoing it with trying to get Nick's attention. When he seemed to be basking in the advances and intimacy, other women began to question what Nick was really looking for. As the season progressed, she not only slept through one of the rose

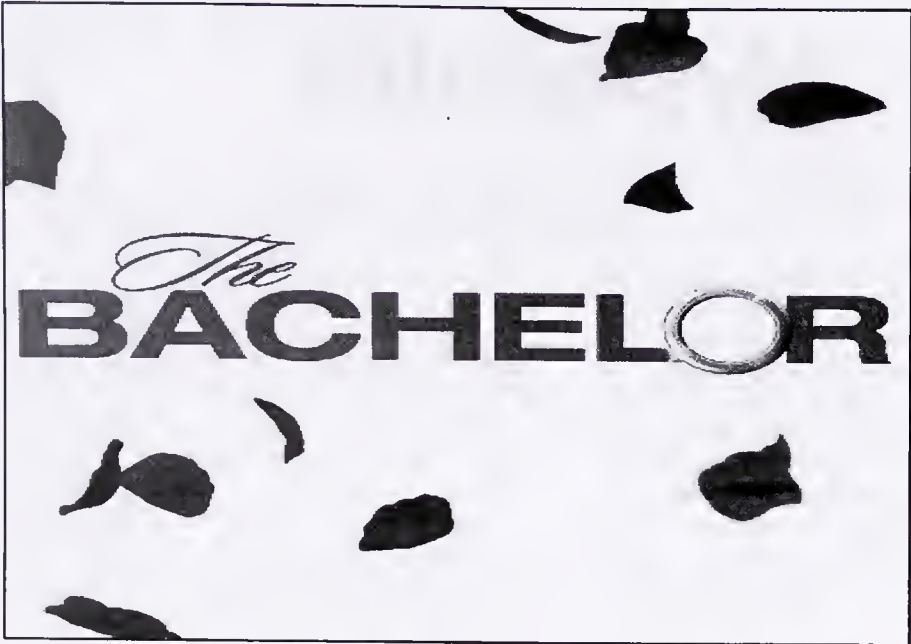
ceremonies, but upped the risky antics with whipped cream and solo trips to his room. Fast-forwarding to the end of the season: March 6th was the Women-Tell-All episode. This is when all the women come back to discuss and even "hash out" any questions or arguments that occurred during the season. This is no doubt one of the most watched episodes of the TV franchise because the women lay everything on the table. The focus of the interviews were Corinne, just recently sent home by Nick, and Taylor Nolan, who more than once butted heads with Corinne on the show. Nick was given the hot seat and was given some questions that still made him a little emotional by the women he denied. (Nick might also have been the most emotional bachelor yet). The next woman to become *The Bachelorette*, Rachel Lindsay, was greeted with much enthusiasm by the audience and the other contestants. Even though she was the most recent to be sent home, she was eager and even "humbled" by the opportunity to find love again.

Following the next week,

then there were two. Many of *The Bachelor* fans across the country thought that they knew what was going to happen moving into the last episode. The Final Rose and the ring. Raven Gates and Vanessa Grimaldi were the last two women to win Nick's heart after he sent Rachel home. With Rachel gone, it seemed that the world watching knew what Nick's decision was going to be. Nick and Raven had good chemistry in addition to a seemingly good personal connection. On the other hand, Vanessa and Nick's final encounters before the final rose had been pretty uneasy. They both seemed to be very set in their own ways, Vanessa commenting that she wasn't going to change her morals. Nick continued to talk about compromise while Vanessa was adamant about not compromising on some issues such as leaving Montreal. The decision seemed fairly clear. She was still questioning the

relationship after meeting his family, as was shown with many tears. Nick surprised everyone though by proposing to the woman with the more controversial opinions. This is not to say that his proposal wasn't adorable with the endearing speech professing his love to her. But, instead of the adorable comments after the final rose, the couple has received a large amount of criticism. Many believe that he chose the wrong girl. Obviously the audience has no effect over the decision or the

bachelor's feelings. Yet, everyone can't seem to comprehend the idea that they will be happy or even last to the actual wedding. Some news outlets believe that Nick wasn't going to propose to either, but didn't want to leave the show empty-handed for the fourth time. Comments like these make the curiosity of how realistic the reality show actually is grow. Nevertheless, only time will tell what kind of true feelings these lovebirds have for each other.



Above: Promotional material for The Bachelor. Photo courtesy of Google Images.

Born to Die

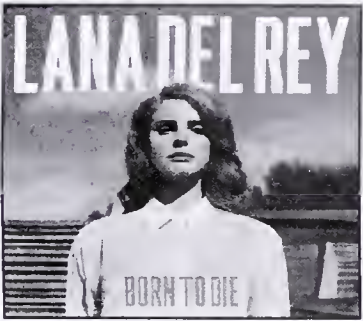
By Justice McGee
Features Writer

Born to Die is Lana Del Rey's second out of the three albums she's released. It's an older one - released in February of 2012 - but it is my favorite album of hers. If you enjoy Lana Del Rey or even alternative pop/rock, I suggest you listen to this album. I enjoy this album because it's the only album I've really ever heard where I enjoy more than one song it offers. Four of my favorite songs from the album are "Born to Die," "Video Games," "Summertime Sadness," and "Carmen." All three songs unique and enjoyable.

If you've ever listened Lesley Gore and enjoyed any of her music, I think it's safe to say that Lana Del Rey is a modern version of her. I say this because some of the rhythm in a lot of Lana's songs kind of resemble the rhythm in Lesley's "You Don't Own Me."

Born to Die sold 50,000 copies in the United Kingdom on its first day of release. It was also debuted number one on UK Album Charts. By January 2013, it sold 500,000 copies in the United States. It was the fastest selling album when it was released.

I know it's old, but the songs are great. The first song I ever heard by Lana Del Rey was her song "Carmen," and I instantly fell in love. If you're into old souls, I know you'll love this. As I said above, the album is very alternative pop/rock and indie. I can't say I've heard another singer that sounds like Lana. She's very unique, her voice and style. Because of this, the album



Above: The cover for Lana Del Rey's album Born to Die. Image courtesy of Google Images.

is definitely worth the listen. Her voice is beautiful and her songs are enveloping. Especially if you're someone who finds yourself falling into your own feelings.

Despite the fact that only four songs were listed above, all of the songs on the album were good. It's an album you can turn on and listen to non-stop, whether you're laying in your bed staring at your ceiling or writing a newspaper article. If you haven't heard any of Lana Del Rey's songs, I really suggest you go and check out the four I've listed above, and I'm sure you will want to hear the rest of the songs on her album *Born to Die*. Not everyone finds themselves enjoying her music, but if you like slow, pop/rock/indie songs, you'll be playing her songs on repeat. Especially "Summertime Sadness." That was one of her popular songs from the album. Five years later and it's still popular amongst people. So I urge you to go check out at least two of the songs I listed above and if you enjoy them, check out the album!

China Garden

By Bronte Eather
Features Writer

Located off College Ave, China Garden lies just a 10-minute walking distance from the school. China Garden offers a large variety of Chinese food and for an affordable price. With in-dining options, China Garden is a good place to get off campus and have a different style of food to eat.

Living off a college budget has its setbacks, however, China Garden becomes an affordable option. Not only are the meals at a low price, the portion sizes are large enough to have leftovers for the next day; which taste just as good. With such a large variety of food to eat, there is something for everyone. Most of the meals are served with rice, which is a great addition to any Chinese meal.

Being the only Chinese place nearby, China Garden is a good resource for the Asian style of cuisine. The staff there are nice and are very attentive to your table. After ordering you are able to sit and relax and have your food delivered to you at the table. The staff watches the table and refills drinks before your drink reaches an empty state. The in-dining experience is a positive one. Although the seats may not be the most comfortable, and some are bolted into positions restricting the number of people at the table, there is plenty of room to seat people throughout the restaurant. There are televisions set up within the restaurant providing an extra sense of entertainment, and a way



Above: An inside view of China Garden. Image courtesy of Google Images.

to catch up on the news. There are even a few small toy dispensers in the restaurant.

You can find yourself sitting in there for a quick 20 minutes or even longer and up to an hour. The food is made quick. It feels as though as soon as you sit down the food is being brought to your table. If you are looking for a very quick food option, then China Garden is a good choice.

The restaurant is open from 10am - 9pm most days, with being open an extra 30 minutes on weekends. This allows China

Garden to be both a lunch and dinner option. With being located so closely to campus, China Garden is a great option for something different to eat, instead of eating in the cafeteria every day. The restaurant is very welcoming is great for a quick cheap meal.

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Dynasty of Evil

By Wesley Hutson
Features Writer

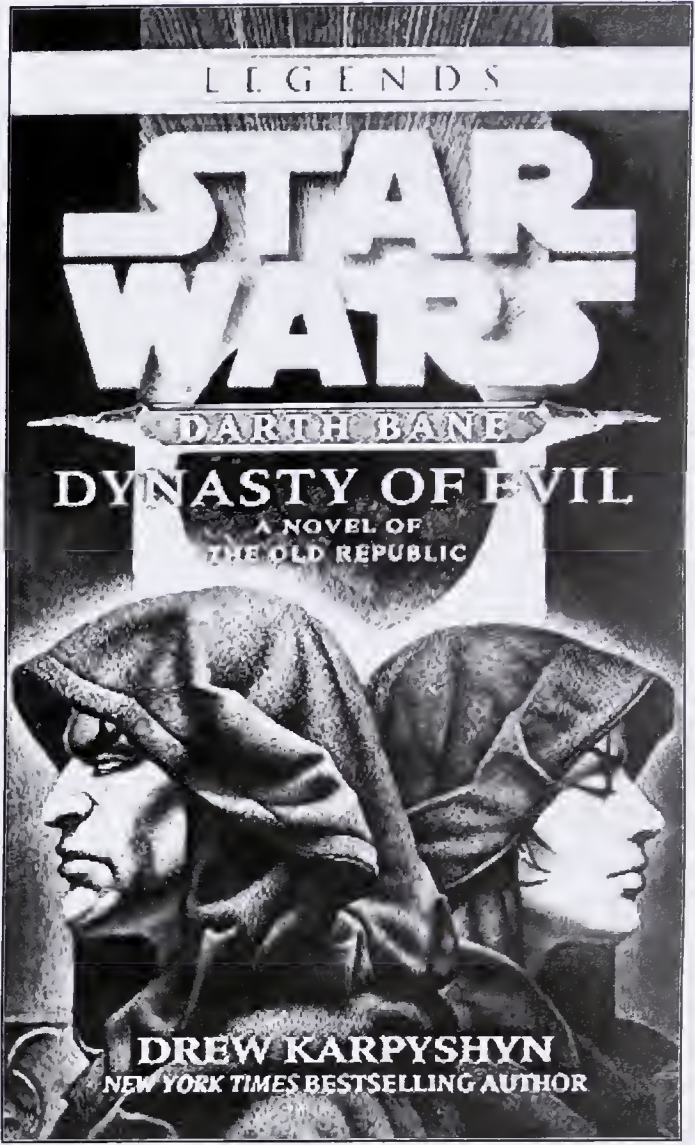
We wrap up Drew Karpysyn's Darth Bane trilogy with book three in the series: *Dynasty of Evil*. This novel is the culmination of the story of the founder of the Sith Order we see in the Star Wars movies. This book really was a joy to read as it is the final chapter in the trilogy, but it stands on its own legs as well. Karpysyn really knows how to tell a story. Where the first two novels follow the early stages of this new Sith Order, the secret organization is already developed, and Darth Bane fears that it may crumble with him.

The story begins twenty years after *Path of Destruction*, and Bane and Zannah live in disguise as wealthy galactic merchants, where their true nature is hidden to everyone. Bane begins to doubt Zannah's abilities as a successor since she has yet to challenge him and prove herself worthy of the mantle of Dark Lord. Bane fears that Zannah may simply wait until he is too weak to defend himself from her, and thus undermine

the Rule of Two. As a result, he begins his search for a hidden holocron that could give him the secret to eternal life to train a replacement to Zannah. Unbeknownst to Bane, Zannah has plans of her own. She has been patient, but the time to finally strike is coming. While Bane is sending her on menial tasks to occupy her for his own ends, Zannah has begun the search for her own Apprentice. When she comes across a rogue Jedi, Set, Zannah begins to make the final preparations for her Master's downfall. When she finds Bane in a prison on the far-off world of Doan, Zannah must decide to either seize power for herself or be a coward and be replaced.

Where the first novel followed the rise of Darth Bane, and the second focused on the developing relationship between Master and Apprentice, this novel focuses on how that relationship changes into a rivalry, as each member competes with the greater power.

The way of the Sith demands that power cannot be surrendered; it must be wretched from the Master by the Apprentice. The Dark Side is not a torch to be passed, but poison that is only potent when held by one and ultimately taken by another. This novel also focuses on how as Zannah develops into her power. She has achieved a level of autonomy you would not expect from what the Jedi call "slaves to the Dark Side." This freedom from her Master is much like how Darth Vader acts on his own authority as well as that of the Emperor. Join the Dark Side. One last time...



Above: Book Cover of *Dynasty of Evil*
Photo courtesy of Google Images.

Logan

By Justin Hays
Features Writer

After 17 years, Hugh Jackman decided to end his tenure as the iconic face of Wolverine and the X-Men films. From the original X-Men movies to his own Wolverine series, Jackman has given fans powerful performances of the popular superhero. With *Logan* as his last movie, fans had high expectations and a great deal of anticipation for this different take on the character.

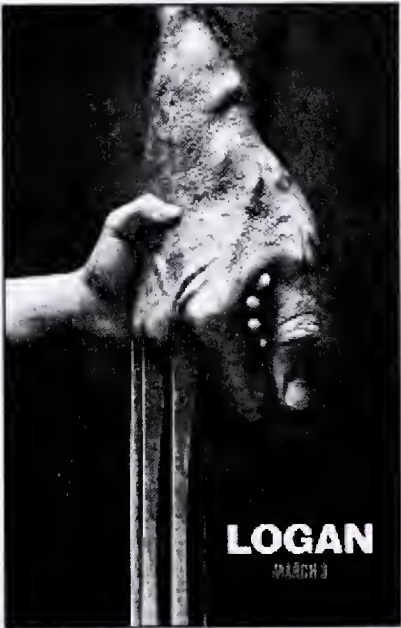
Set in the year 2029, an aging and ailing Logan (formerly Wolverine) is confronted with diminished abilities in physical strength and his healing powers. He spends his day working as a

chauffeur and lives with Professor Xavier and the mutant Caliban. One day he is approached by nurse Gabriela Lopez who asks him to escort a young girl, Laura, and herself to North Dakota. This encounter with Gabriela and the accepting of the offer to go to North Dakota brings Logan face to face with a new enemy, the Transigen biotechnology company. Transigen's chief of security, Donald Pierce, and his security team, the Reavers, chase Logan. Xavier, and Laura on their journey to North Dakota. Transigen's main project X-24, a stronger and faster clone of Logan, is Logan's main antagonist in the film and wreaks havoc on the trio attempting to escape to North Dakota.

Logan has a much different feel than the rest of the X-Men film series and most recent superheroes in general. The superheroes are given a much more mortal portrayal, and Logan seems to be a demise of the X-Men mutants as a whole. Logan is forced to confront his own mortality and find meaning as his powers are diminishing. The darker tone of the movie gives it a deeper feel than the traditional superficial superhero movie. The hero formerly known as Wolverine is forced to acknowledge that he is not the superhero he once was, and has to continue on as everything he once knew is fading away. This type of portrayal is fitting for the last movie of Hugh Jackman's long tenure as Wolverine.

With a Rotten Tomatoes score of 92%, *Logan* gave longtime

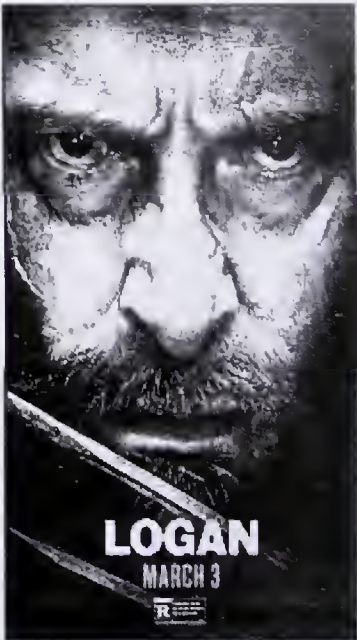
X-Men and Wolverine fans the final movie that they were hoping for and deserved. Director James Mangold stuck to his vision of a grounded movie, and did not employ any gimmicks or tacky artifice that could potentially happen in a sentimental movie such as *Logan*. Longtime fans should prepare for an emotional ride and casual superhero fans might be pleasantly surprised at how accessible this movie is. *Logan* is a superhero movie that does not exactly feel like a superhero movie. It is a fitting movie for the last installment of Jackman's career, and his performance in *Logan* will leave a lasting impression on his storied career as Wolverine.



Left: Movie poster of *Logan*
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Above: Movie poster of *Logan*
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Above: Movie poster of *Logan*
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Working Overtime: Pumas Fall Three Times, Pick Themselves Back Up

Kylie Hill
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Before kicking off conference this past Sunday, the Saint Joseph's College Women's Softball team began their final spring season in Clermont, Florida where they faced off against eight other colleges and universities. At the end of the week they broke even with a 4-4 record.

On March 5, the Pumas played two games, the first against Notre Dame College (Ohio), and the second against Southwest Minnesota State University (SWMS). The Lady Pumas defeated the SWMS

Below: Freshman Sydney Coundiff reaches to tag out an attempt at scoring. Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland.



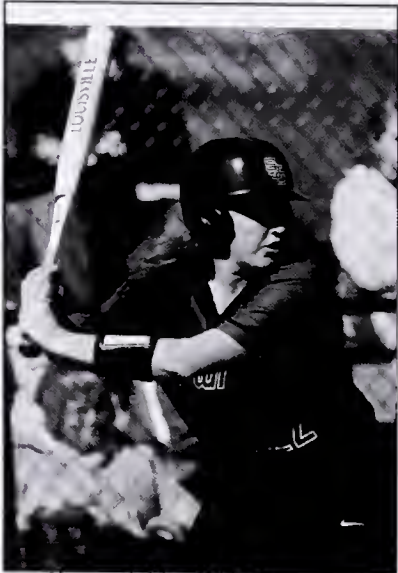
Mustangs 5-4, but lost to the Notre Dame Falcons 7-3. The Pumas can credit their win against SWMS to solid defense and pitching. Freshman Business Administration major Amanda Melzoni pitched all seven innings of the game, earning five strikeouts and only giving up four runs on eight hits.

Although not as strong as their defense, The Pumas held their own offensively. Senior Elementary Education major, Ashley Whitaker executed the first scoring hit of the game, bringing in two runs while making it to second base. By the fifth inning, the Saint Joseph's

College Softball Team was down 4-2. Melzoni stepped up to the plate and sent the ball straight into centerfield, driving in baserunners Senior Elementary Education major Briana Wagner and freshman Accounting major, Taylor Mendenhall to bring the score to a 4-4 tie. An error made by the Mustangs allowed Melzoni to make it all the way home, securing the Puma victory by one run.

The rest of the Spring Break game stretch followed suit. On March 6, the Pumas came out roaring from their loss against the falcons the night before, and defeated Ashland University 4-2. Unfortunately, they fell into the same pattern as the day before as they were defeated by Ferris State University 5-3. On March 8, the pattern prevailed; the Pumas were victorious against Trinity International University 6-4 and fell to St. Cloud University 4-3. On March 9, the team came out on a different note, losing to Wayne State College 4-2, but got the win against Concordia University-New York, defeating them 4-3.

On Sunday, March 19, the Lady Pumas competed in a double facing off against Drury University at home in their GLVC opener.



Above: Ashley Whitaker prepares to take a swing at scoring. Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland.

Saint Joseph star batter Ashley Whitaker does her best to keep the team kicking with three hits and two runs. Scoring the majority of the points for the game.

The Panthers of Drury held nothing back with scoring and defense keeping the pumas at a solid two runs for the entirety of the game. The panthres were able to take advantage of their offense and score seven points pushing their record up to 12-13.

The Saint Joseph pumas are preparing for the upcoming game against Rockhurst University.

Suns out, runs out

By Christine Manika
Sports Writer

The Pumas had some fun in the sun over their Spring Break road trip in the sunshine state. Working to improve the national ranking.

The Puma baseball team faces against schools like Number 9 Grand Valley State University, Ashland University, University of Findlay, and many others. When their job was said and done, the Pumas walk away with 5-1 record in Florida. This brings the Puma season record to 11-2, so far.

Some of the Pumas' big victories from Florida are Grand Valley State University and Ashland University. The Pumas defeat Grand Valley 13-3 and Ashland 18-4 in Auburndale, Florida.

In the Grand Valley game,

Below: Rick O'Dette gives the team encouragement to endure the heat during a time out. Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland.



the Pumas were down by 2 with Grand Valley in the early lead. Junior Brenden Rivera gives the Pumas their first hit and score of the game in the 4th inning with a single into right field. The bats went off from their in the 5th inning when a couple of Pumas score six runs off of six hits. This big rally would give the Pumas a 7-2 lead. Moving forward into the bottom 7th, the Puma bats were starting to heat up again with three more runs. These hits were made by Freshmen Noah Powell and Amir Wright along with Senior Marty Napleton.

Another three run inning for the Pumas securing the win when Freshmen Adam Lovell scores on a wild pitch. Wright then hit a sacrifice fly to end the game, Pumas win 13-3.

The Pumas also had a big 18-4 win over Ashland University.



Above: Senior Chase Fieldhouse joins fellow seniors Marty Napleton and Josh Handzik at home plate after a succesful at bat. Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland.

Ashland was the first to score in the game in the 4th inning with a 2-0 lead over the Pumas. The Pumas answer right back with four runs on two hits. Rivera puts up a sacrifice fly to bring in the first Puma run. Senior Josh Handzik follows up with an RBI double and Wright then brought in two more runs from a single.

The Pumas then had an explosive inning in the bottom of the 6th. Handzik hammers a big one to right and Senior Riley Benner follows up with a two run triple to being the Pumas up 8-4. The Pumas then keep the energy going in the 8th inning with a seven run rally.

Senior Ryan Keck started things off with a triple hit into right field and Powell follows with an RBI single. Both Wright

and sophomore Cameron Curry record their own RBIs after that. Napleton and Keck seal the deal with their own two run doubles, Pumas win 18-4.

Facing six strong competitors and coming out with five wins during the spring break gave the pumas the opportunity to be voted by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association to the 25th spot in the national rankings of the week. The Pumas record now sits at 11-2.

After a successful trip in Florida, the Pumas go back to work with their final home opener this past Sunday and Monday against conference rivals, Missouri S&T Miners. where they took homw two wins 14-2 and 1-0. The Pumas will travel to the University of Indianapolis on March 25.

Upcoming Events

March 25

Women's Golf vs Spring Fling in Perry Park, KY

Men's Track and Field vs Gene and Rose Edmonds Invite 10:00am

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Softball at Rockhurst University 12:00pm

Baseball vs University of Indianapolis 12:00pm

Softball at Rockhurst University 2:00pm

Baseball vs University of Indianapolis 3:00pm

March 26

Women's Golf vs Spring Fling in Perry Park, KY

Men's Golf vs UW-Parkside Spring Invitational in Columbus, IN

Softball at William Jewell College 12:00pm

Baseball vs University of Indianapolis 12:00pm

Men's Tennis vs Concordia University 1:00pm

Softball at William Jewell College 2:00pm

Baseball vs University of Indianapolis 3:00pm

March 27

Men's Golf vs UW-Parkside Spring Invitational in Columbus, IN

March 29

Baseball vs Wayne State University 12:00pm

Softball vs Saint Xavier University 2:00pm

Baseball vs Wayne State University 3:00pm

Softball vs Saint Xavier University 4:00pm

Pumas Compete at GLVC Conference and National Indoor Championship

By Hannah Wallace
Sports Editor

On February 25th and 26th, the Pumas Track and Field team competed in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship at the University of Indianapolis and Phil Thompson qualified for Nationals. The Pumas had a number of outstanding individual performances, however, they did not quite meet the goals Coach Massoels was hoping to see. But - this was only indoor, and the Pumas have always been an outdoor team. With about one month left, the Pumas will give everything they have towards their outdoor conference championship on May 6th, however, here are the highlights from their indoor season.

In field events, there were promising performances from Lydia Raderstorf and Marlaina Boggs. Raderstorf finished 3rd place in pole vault with a mark of 3.47 meters while Boggs dominated in shot put finishing in 6th place with a throw of 12.05m. As far as the men, Davon Haynes, Phil Thompson, and Tevin Riddle had outstanding performances. Haynes, who finished first place in long jump with a mark of 7.21 meters was also honored with Freshman of the Year. Thompson, another honoree with Field Eventer of the

Year finished just behind Haynes in second place and also took a first place finish in triple jump. Riddle had two second place finishes and two silver medals as he finished second in high jump and triple jump.

In Birmingham, AL, Phillip Thompson made his way with Coach Massoels to the NCAA DII National Indoor Track and Field Championship to represent the Pumas. Thompson, who was ranked fifth in the nation, ended up finishing in 12th place with a mark of 14.90 meters, a little short of his prior mark being 15.45 meters. However, Thompson still qualified in 2nd place as an All-American.

Now, the Saint Joseph's Pumas Track and Field team are preparing for their outdoor season; setting their minds on conference. In Track and Field, the Pumas have been an outdoor team and will continue to train, run, jump, and throw until they get where they want to be for their outdoor goals. The distance team continues to up their mileage, the field eventers continue to lift and train, and the Pumas continue to support and push each other until they reach GLVC Conference. They will begin their outdoor season this Saturday, March 25th on their home track.



Pictured: Devon Haynes and Phil Thompson
Photo Courtesy of Saint Joseph's Athletics

Puma Athlete Spotlight: Brooke Werstler

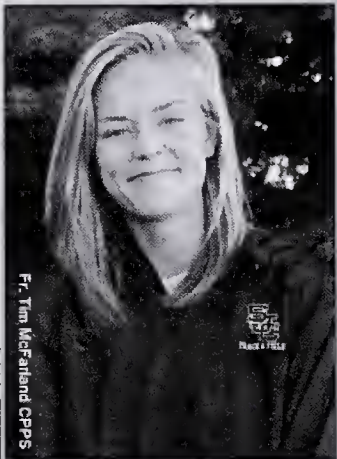


Photo courtesy of Saint Joseph's Athletics

By Hannah Wallace
Sports Editor
Brooke Werstler is a senior from Columbia City, IN. Werstler is majoring in History and Political Science and runs Cross Country and Track for the Pumas.

- 1.) How long have you been running track & field?
I have been running track and field since I was in 6th grade.
- 2.) What are your goals for this season?
My goal for this track and field season is to get a pr in the 10K

- and to place in the top eight at conference.
- 3.) What is your favorite memory about track & field?
My favorite memory of track and field is probably last year when I ran the 10K at Little State. It was a lot of fun because my mom and dad were both there to see me race, and all my teammates were cheering me on. I also got a pr and it was definitely the best race I have ever had.
 - 4.) What are your hobbies?
My hobbies are running and I love to read!

- 5.) Do you have any rituals you do to pump you up for a race?
I guess one ritual that I have to pump me up for my race is usually my mom sends me a text on race day that's kind of like a pep talk, so most of the time I read that text before I go on my warm-up to pump me up.
- 6.) Why did you choose SJC?
I chose Saint Joe because it felt like home. I came on an overnight visit and I got to meet most of the cross country team and they were all just so kind and welcoming that it made me want to come here.
- 7.) Who is your role model and why?

- My role model is my mom. She's always so positive no matter what the circumstances are, she's never afraid of challenges, and she's pretty much the toughest person I know.
- 8.) What is your favorite song?
"Just to See You Smile" by Tim McGraw.
 - 9.) What is your favorite thing about running at SJC?
My favorite thing about running at Saint Joe is definitely my teammates! We always have a lot of fun on our runs, and we're constantly joking with each other.

Puma Athlete Spotlight: Patrick Flynn



Photo courtesy of Saint Joseph's Athletics

By Hannah Wallace
Sports Editor
Patrick Flynn is a senior from Rosemount, MN. Flynn is majoring in Mathematics and plays golf for the Pumas.

- 1.) How long have you been playing golf?
I've been playing golf since I was about 3 or 4 years old.
- 2.) What are your goals for this season?
Unfortunately my season was cut short by a knee injury. So my goal is to get healthy and be able to play golf again before the end of the year

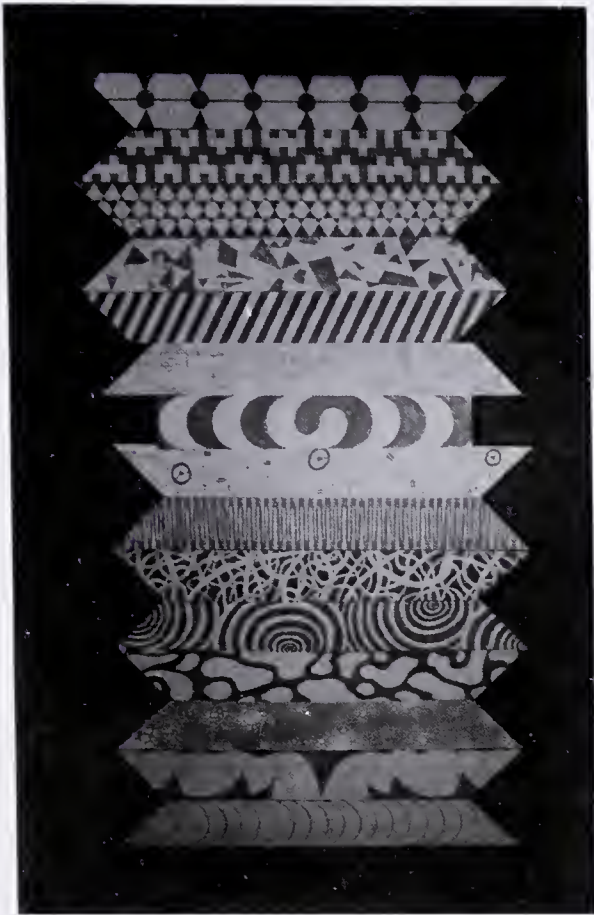
- 3.) What is your favorite memory about golf?
My favorite golf memory is definitely playing with my family growing up. It was something my mom, dad, sister, brother, and I could all do together and enjoy.
- 4.) What are your hobbies?
My main hobbies are reading, watching tv and movies, cooking and baking, and spending time with my friends.
- 5.) Do you have any ritual you do to prepare you for a match?
I don't really have any specific rituals I do before a match. I usually just putt and chip before stretching. But I do have a pre-shot routine I do before every shot when I'm on the course.

- 6.) Why did you choose SJC?
I chose SJC because I fell in love with the small-community feel I got when I first visited the school. When my sister committed to playing golf here, it became one of my final three options and I ultimately chose Saint Joe and haven't regretted my decision.
- 7.) Who is your role model and why?
My role model is probably my dad. He has always made sure that his kids had everything they needed growing up. That is something I want to be able to do for my future family. He also taught me how to cook and bake and golf and instilled in me a love for learning that I never really appreciated until I got to college.
- 8.) What is your favorite song?
Favorite song? I don't know

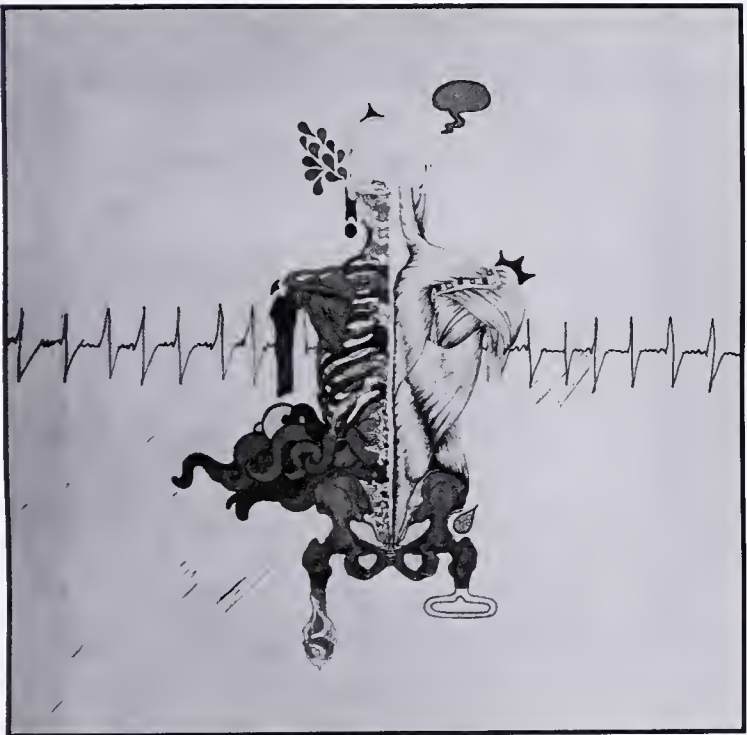
- if I have a favorite song. But my favorite artist of all time is Michael Jackson. I taught myself how to do most of his signature moves (like the moonwalk and spin)
- 9.) What is your favorite thing about golfing at SJC?
My favorite thing about golfing at SJC is being able to play with my sister. We grew up playing together and it just feels right playing our last season of competitive golf at the same school.
 - 10.) What are your plans after graduation?
At the moment I don't have any set plans. I'm looking for a job in Indianapolis, Twin Cities, or Cincinnati. So I'll be working somewhere and maybe continuing my education eventually.

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Creative Corner



Piece by William Decker photographed by Shalom Paulino



Multimedia piece by Karen Gramajo photographed by Shalom Paulino

Chicago

By: Hannah Wallace

The golden lights were dancing, resting, and twinkling on the trees that lined down along Michigan Avenue. The reflection of the buildings and cars and streetlights, smeared from the rain that filled the street, made everything look like everchanging paintings in these puddles. I was on the corner of Michigan and Delaware right in front of the John Hancock building where they place the big Christmas tree every winter. The railings surrounding it had crystal blue lights in the shape of snowflakes whose lights blended into those smeared painted puddles on the sidewalks. People walked by and cars sped past and all I could think about was a line from one of my favorite songs: “There’s something about the way the street looks when it’s just rained.” There was something more about being in the city that night, though. Something that made me feel magical. Maybe it was all the people. Maybe it was the noise and sounds. Maybe it was the lights and how they all made us feel little again in this big city. Maybe, though, it was that you were not there anymore. And I think that was it - the realization that I could still feel happiness and see wonder in a place that I thought only you brought to me.

Coyotes at Night

By Meghan Hennessey

Why do they howl like that Pop,
I asked.

Well, Tarkee, that’s how they talk,
He said.

Yips, yowls, and smooth songs,
The coyotes kept talking.

But why so loud, pop,
I asked.

Without looking at me,
He said,

So that they can hear each other
No matter the distance.

Chorus after chorus broke out,
Echoing from every direction.

What are they saying Pop,
I asked.

Looking down at me with a smile,
He said,

I don’t know Tarkee,
Do you?

Staring out across the black field,
I couldn’t answer.



Ceramics piece by Ryan Postma photographed by Shalom Paulino